

A POPULAR HEADWAITER.

Everything in Full Swing at the Pier—Crowds of Visitors Enjoy the Sea Breezes—Cottages are Being Rapidly Filled—Shaw University Quartette Raising Money for a Cooking School—Personal Mention.

Naragansett Pier, R. I., Special—At last the season has gotten under way, and though the Casino and Rockingham Hotels have not been re-built, there is much life and as many amusements as heretofore. The beach of course, furnishes the greatest amount of amusement to the onlookers and pleasure to the bathers. Daily between the hours of 3 and 5 houses are forsaken and almost any one can be found either in the surf, sand or on the board walk. After dinner a favorite stroll is a trip to The Rocks. Here with mother nature and the lady you accompany can soar in the realms of imagination and build air castles upon air castles; only to see them disappear into the breakers in the churling whirlpools. To enliven the evenings there are generally one or more dances in progress.

The church with Rev. Thomas in charge is prospering, in fact on Sunday nights the aisles are even crowded. Thursday night has been set aside as lyceum night and before the season closes there is expected much good to be derived from the evenings thus spent.

Last Thursday Rev. Le Roy Ferguson presented a paper entitled "The Fears and Hopes of the Future of the Negro." It was pronounced excellent and on motion of Mr. John White and seconded by Mr. Frank Baxter a vote of thanks was tendered him.

The Shaw University Quartette composed of Messrs. Carter, Williams, Christian and Walker rendered two selections which were heartily applauded. These young men are traveling in the interest of the school. It is their hope to raise enough money to build a cooking school. Messrs. Payne, Orme, Wormley and Ambler composing the already famous Selika Quartette sang and were vociferously cheered for the excellent work. Though the Selikas are new, their work compares favorably with professional singing.

Mr. Fred Freeman who has charge of the new Mathewson dining room has created a most favorable impression. On all sides, especially by his men, are the most flattering remarks made concerning his management. He is a headwaiter who is interested in the successful and economical management of his department and above all, a man interested in his men. To quote Mr. C. a millionaire New Yorker, "He is the best generally equipped headwaiter I have ever seen and I have lived in a hotel all my life."

In Mr. Jesse Collins, the headwaiter has a man who is as wide awake and as energetic as any second waiter in the country. A mechanics tools are in a great measure responsible for his quality of work so in this case, the men selected are far above the ordinary.

The most desirable rooms at the different cottages have been taken or engaged. Mr. Freeman has engaged rooms at the Brown Cottage. Here also is his secretary and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur James, Mrs. Minnie Madison, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Wilson and Miss Mary Johnson of New York, Miss Lillie Parson of Philadelphia and Mr. Moten Yaeger of District of Columbia. Mr. Thomas James of Philadelphia, the headwaiter of the Imperial Hotel is at his old post with a fine looking set of men, most of whom are six footers.

Mr. Louis Avendorf, correspondent for the Philadelphia Tribune is here in the interest of the paper he represents. Mr. Robert Wells of Baltimore, who holds a responsible position at the Mathewson is again with us, and is laboring as assiduously as ever in the interest of the church. At the Helm Cottage, which has the reputation of being the quietest house on the pier are domiciled Messrs. John White, C. K. Wormley and L. C. H. Bradley. Not far from them is the Washington Club, which occupies the entire second floor of the Jackson Hotel. The members include John Bruce, C. H. Wormley,



THOS. H. DIGGS, Adams House. (See page 3) Albany, N. Y.)

R. Davis, Towson S. Grasty, F. W. Wormley, Clarence Wright, Alphonzo Harris, Clarence Jackson and Rev. Le Roy Ferguson of King Hall, Howard University.

Among others who expect to spend the summer here are: W. M. Simms, G. Joy, J. Radcliffe, William Brooks, Scipio Bryant, A. Byrd, Phillip Newton, Eugene Kennerly, Louis A. Tyler, Frank Ford, Russell Locke, J. C. Broughton, J. W. Pettigrew, J. H. Jackson, Jerome B. Osborne, Chester Turly, David Martin, Charles Maston, Frank Nickens, Thomas Pryor, Hiram Gray and Joseph Fadle of Washington, D. C., M. C. Wilson, Dr. David Cooper, Levy Reynolds and Guy A. Wynn of New York, L. G. White of Charlottesville, Va., W. M. Young of New London, Conn., W. Ellis of Hartford, Conn., John S. Walker and Jasper Logan of Manchester, Va., Nelson Buirshar, James Spears, Stephen Fields, Walter Jones, Henry Harris, Andrew Brown and Robert Boston of Baltimore. X. B. X.

A MAN OF THE HOUR.

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with presented of Dr. Warmesley hardly does him justice. He is a representative Afro-American in every respect. He desires to reenter the service and return to the Philippines. It is the wish of his friends, and their name is legion, that the war Department, slow as it has been in its recognition of the services of its colored heroes, can see a way to give him the position he seeks. His record is on file at the war Department. While in the city Dr. Warmesley met many new friends. His baggage and souvenirs attracted much attention. The following extract from the Evening Star tells of his gift to the Smithsonian Institution.

VALUABLE COLLECTION.

The Smithsonian Institution has received and placed on exhibition a valuable collection of curios from the Philippine Islands. The collection was the gift of Captain W. C. Warmesley, colored, who was assistant surgeon in the 49th United States volunteer infantry. Captain Warmesley was mustered out in San Francisco, Cal., June 30. He came at once to Washington with his collection, and presented it to the museum. It consists of shells from the shores of the China Sea, implements of war used by the savages inhabiting the mountains of northern Luzon, such as spears, poisoned arrows, bows, shields, bolos and daggers, and a collection of native hats used by the peasantry.

Captain Warmesley has been in the tropics for three years, having served in Cuba before going to the Philippines. He left for his home in Norwich, Conn. today, but will return to the Philippines in September to practice medicine. He has been requested by the museum authorities to make further collections.

THE SECOND BAPTIST LYCEUM.

A Review of the Important Work Accomplished During the Administration of President R. W. Thompson.

The Second Baptist Lyceum has just closed the most prosperous season, all things considered, that it has enjoyed in the fifteen years of its existence. Crowded houses have been the rule, the addresses have been of a high order and upon topics of burning interest, and the influence of the organization have been felt beneficially by the entire community. The reputation of the Second Baptist Lyceum has become national, and the press and people all over the land have sung its praises in enthusiastic strain. It is admitted upon all hands that in popularity and general usefulness the Second Baptist Lyceum has no rival along the lines that its work has been laid. It is not merely a literary organization, but a people's forum, occupying an unlimited sphere, acting for the best interests of the race in politics, religion, industrialism, official recognition, for the exploitation of public grievances, and for the moulding of sentiment looking to the amelioration of our condition and for the influencing of legislation by the United States Congress. Its purposes are intensely practical, and each meeting is held with a definite plan to reach a positive result.

The presiding officer of this important organization is Mr. Richard W. Thompson, a young man of unimpeachable character, lofty ideals, extraordinary energy, industry and resource. Possessing a good education, calmness of judgment, superior knowledge of men and women, fidelity to duty, a clear comprehension of the needs of the race, and a fearless-



PRES. R. W. THOMPSON.

ness of method that halts not when there is a consciousness that he is right, Mr. Thompson has shown in the year and a half of administration that he is pre-eminently the proper man for the place, and has earned a deserved popularity with all classes. Besides the qualities enumerated above, he is an experienced newspaper man, known wherever the printed page is read, and the happy knack of knowing what to say and how to say it in the most effective way has aided him remarkably in pleasing the hundreds of regular patrons of the Lyceum. Managing the constructive end of a newspaper has also aided him in preparing programs and selecting topics that are not only timely, but which possess the merit of novelty and are admirably adapted to catch and hold the attention of the discriminating citizens of the nation's erudite capital. Washington is pleased to know that the Lyceum, under its recent reorganization, has re-elected Mr. Thompson, and he is now serving his third term as president of the organization.

The other officers chosen at the June election are: First Vice-President, R. S. Smith; Second Vice-President, C. L. Marshall; Third Vice-President, W. T. Menard; Recording Secretary, R. C. M. Simmons; Vice-Recording Secretary, Miss Almira Crutchfield; Corresponding Secretary, Samuel E. Lacy; Treasurer, Miss Mary Brown; Historian, Prof. Jesse Lawson; Chaplain, T. H. Norman; Vice-Chaplain, A.

H. Matthews; Chief of Ushers, Mack Brown. A strong and representative executive committee has been named by the President, and Mr. William M. Wilson will act as secretary of the same. The finance committee is headed by Prof. Jesse Lawson, and the entertainment, press, ways and means, program and other committees will be in competent hands. In the fall the Lyceum will dedicate a memorial window, for which it is pledged to contribute \$50 to the church. It is expected that the opening of the next season will take place on the third Sunday in October. A tentative schedule, embracing fifteen meetings, has already been arranged by the executive officers, and the scope of discussion will be unusually broad. Freedom of speech is a cardinal principle of the Second Baptist Lyceum, and no discrimination is permitted on account of color, politics, religion or calling. The Lyceum is for all the people.

The past year and a half has been profitable from a monetary standpoint, as well as for other reasons. See the following table:

Total amount of moneys collected	\$240.06
Presented to Second Baptist Church	52.21
Paid as salary to regular musicians	78.50
Presented to Afro-American Council	60.00
Assisting in public purposes	22.48
Number of meetings	43

At the last general meeting of the executive committee the Lyceum was registered as an affiliated body of the National Afro-American Council, and Former Congressman Geo. H. White and Mr. Samuel E. Lacy were chosen as delegates to the Philadelphia Convention next month. The organization is to be congratulated upon its selections, and it may rest assured that it will be ably and conspicuously represented.

The prospects for next season are very bright, and there is every evidence that President Thompson will have in the future the same cordial, universal and hearty support that has characterized his administration in the past.

HAMPTONS SUMMER NORMAL.

Pedagogues Galore—Brains, Beauty and Brilliancy—Prof. H. M. Brown.

Hampton, Va., Special—The summer normal school at Hampton has about 300 teachers from many states, all of whom are showing a great deal of interest in the courses, as much depends upon the instruction gained at the institute. Several applications have already been received from other schools asking for teachers who are qualified in domestic science—sewing, manual training, etc. etc.

A great deal of regret is being manifested by the entire community as the time approaches for Prof. Hugh M. Brown to take his departure for Baltimore where he will assume the duties of principal of the high school for colored students.

A large number of the teachers are talking of presenting Mr. Benjamin Washington a medal for so gallantly rescuing a man from drowning at Buckroe Beach. Mr. Washington with great difficulty swam about 75 yards with a man weighing 175 pounds and who was completely exhausted. After considerable rubbing and rolling the man was finally revived.

A sailing party of about 100 took a spin directly over the spot where the Monitor and Merrimac fought their decisive battle some years ago.

Prof. Hunster's exhibit of work done by the pupils of the Washington High School is attracting the attention of persons of prominence for miles around.

Miss A. M. Goding, Dr. W. B. Evans and Mr. Alphonso Stafford of the Washington schools are among the very best instructors here.

Some of the Washingtonians taking the course are: Misses Hattie Cornish, Neenah George, Louise Cornell, Louise Evans, Marie Smith, Beatrice Ridgely, Ida Washington and Mr. Benjamin Washington, all of whom are so well pleased, they think they will return next year.